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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,189,606 to BURNS et al., which issued on February 23, 1993;

U.S. Patent No. 5,689,705 to FINO et al., which issued on November 18, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,761,674 to ITO, which issued on June 2, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,799,286 to MORGAN et al., which issued on August 25, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,893,082 to MCCORMICK, which issued on April 6, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,926,816 to BAUER et al., which issued on July 10, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,950,206 to KRAUSE, which issued on September 7, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,991,769 to FINO et al., which issued on November 23, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,038,547 to CASTO, which issued on March 14, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,078,907 to LAMM, which issued on June 20, 2000;

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U.S. Patent No. 6,393,410 to THOMPSON, which issued on May 21, 2002; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,446,053 to ELLIOTT, which issued on September 3, 2002.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following materials downloaded from the Internet:

“PrimeContract: The Future Construction,” [www.primavera.com](http://www.primavera.com) (2001);

“Primavera and PurchasePro.com Create E-Commerce Marketplace: PrimeContract.com links contractors, owners and suppliers for trading of materials, supplies and services,” DIALOG NewsRoom, Dialog File Number 995 Accession Number 1044114 (January 1, 2000); and

“Primavera PrimeContract Provides Construction Industry with Revolutionary Progress Payment and Negotiation Capabilities-Upgraded Version of Progress Payments Speeds Payment Requisition Consolidation,” DIALOG NewsRoom, Dialog File Number 994 Accession Number 353515951 (November 13, 2001).

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office’s decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

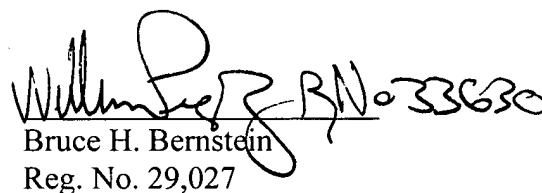
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached (except for U.S. patents) and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to

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confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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|                     | 5 1 8 9 6 0 6   | 02/23/93 | BURNS et al.  |       |          |                               |
|                     | 5 6 8 9 7 0 5   | 11/18/97 | FINO et al.   |       |          |                               |
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|                     | 5 7 9 9 2 8 6   | 08/25/98 | MORGAN et al. |       |          |                               |
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|                     | 6 0 7 8 9 0 7   | 06/20/00 | LAMM          |       |          |                               |
|                     | 6 3 9 3 4 1 0   | 05/21/02 | THOMPSON      |       |          |                               |
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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